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Members of the 68th Information Operations Squadron at Brooks AFB, Texas, were named the Department of Defense-level Interagency OPSEC Support Staff's Organizational Achievement Award recipients. Hard at work are, seated from left, SrA. Jody Jenkins, A1C Nick Jackson, SrA. Brandy Williamson and SrA. Matt Failace. Standing are, SrA. Matt Lenehan and MSgt. Veronica Berry-Jones. See article and photos on pages 8 and 9.

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# Everyone should be aware of future info operations reality

*Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright*  
AIA commander  
Kelly AFB, Texas

It is great to be back, writing my monthly column again. Our last two columnists, Gen. John Jumper, Air Combat Command commander, and retired Col. Gary Selin, former AIA director of staff, brought a great deal of wisdom and insight to our March and April Spokesman issues.

General Jumper alluded to information operations as the force enabler that will allow time-critical-targeting in single digit minutes, and Colonel Selin saw IO as having forever changed the way warfare is conducted. I encourage everyone in AIA to read those two columns and view them from the position of an ACC "patchwearer."

As we continue to normalize our operations under Air Combat Command and 8th Air Force and integrate IO into both structure and operational practices of a numbered Air Force, we can be proud of our accomplishments. But I emphasize that we've only just begun to work side-by-side with the warfighters in the Mighty Eighth and the rest of the Combat Air Forces.

In today's slang, when we say someone "gets it", it pays them a high compliment. It says that they've taken the time to listen and understand a topic, and can apply it in everyday situations. It has been said that some of today's warfighters are uncertain what we, as IO professionals bring to the fight. Well, we're here to change that. We want all warfighters to "get" IO.

As new members of ACC, we're here to make the IO revolution a reality, where warriors:

**"Get It"** – a high level of IO comprehension

**"Know It"** – a craftsman's grasp of

the nuts and bolts of IO

**"Relate It"** – a retail perspective, pushing the tools of IO to the JFACC's, NAF's, wings/squadrons, and others

But the value of "get it, know it, relate it" is in using it. Using it means arming the warfighter with the complete IO tool kit. Now, providing IO to the warfighter is what the Quick Draw mission is all about.

Quick Draw brings IO to life...more importantly, it brings IO from the armory to the holster. Across the spectrum of IO, there are craftsmen and technicians sharpening their skills everyday. Quick Draw packs their arsenal into an IO toolkit...OPSEC, information assurance, PSYOP, and information attack to name a few. The result delivers focused, full-spectrum combat IO to the warfighter.

We will continue to exercise Quick Draw and make it more visible to the warfighter by employing its capabilities through the Information Operations Center. The IO options we offer will become more comprehensively injected into the daily operations of our CAF/MAF/Space units around the globe. Our goal is to conduct our exercises in the same manner we operate—different in name only. When we succeed, Air Force men and women operating weapon systems will use the term "information operations" to help them describe combat power.

To prepare combat units to employ IO, we need advocacy for IO at all levels. Today, people at the high level "get" IO – they've spent their careers seeing the good and the bad, and envisioned today's IO approach. People at the low level "get" IO, because it's all they've come to know in their short careers. Our focus is on those left in the middle who don't "get it"; it will be their awareness of what IO brings that will make IO a

reality in any future operations.

To picture what needs to happen, consider this: The venerable F-4 Phantom, a multi-



*Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright*  
AIA commander

role, two-seat fighter aircraft. In it, the F-4 pilot in the front seat is always looking outward, scanning, making critical judgments on "attitude and altitude" ... the weapons systems officer or "wizzo" backseater is operating the radar; searching, seeking targets; both warriors constantly talking, sharing their perspective on situational awareness until the time comes to "point, shoot, and schwack the bad guys".

Our daily efforts both in and out of the IO community need to be similar to those two airmen...sharing information, relying on each other's expertise, knowing that when it comes time to act, we will be ready with the best information available.

Operators from across the Air Force: Operations, Security Forces, Space, Public Affairs, Comm, and Special Forces, all need the IO backseater's perspective. Your job is to share it.

Institutionalizing that simple construct across the Air Force will make us a much stronger fighting force. I encourage each of you as IO warfighters to consider that the next time you deploy, or attend a conference, seminar or professional military education event. What you can accomplish with that outlook may surprise you.



# 488IS MSgt participates in Navy's Weapons School

*By 1st Lt. Rob Cassube  
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"First one in, last one out." That is often the motto used by the Rivet Joint community, especially when talking about their role in contingency operations.

The saying stems from the practice of the RJ being among the first aircraft to arrive and last to leave during combat operations.

Their job is to monitor the battlespace in order to best support fighters flying in harm's way."

The airborne mission supervisor onboard the RC-135/Rivet Joint is the senior cryptologic authority in charge during operational reconnaissance missions. An AMS is responsible for the entire intelligence collection mission from take-off to landing.

AMSs are the top experts in the air and they continuously work to improve the employment of their platform. The dedication and high level of excellence needed to be an AMS naturally lends itself to the achievement of many "firsts" in the field of intelligence.

One such first was recently accomplished by MSgt. David "Fuz" Eller of the 488th Intelligence Squadron.

He became the first U.S. Air Force graduate of the U.S. Navy Electronic Reconnaissance Weapons School Tactical SIGINT Mission Commander Course. The course took place at NAS Fallon, Nev., home of the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center Top Gun.

The TSMCC was designed for USN reconnaissance aircraft mission commanders, but the invitation was recently extended to the airborne mission supervisors at the 488th.

Historically, the TSMCC has only invited Navy EP-3 senior evaluators, positions held by officers. The Air Force's equivalent is the airborne mission supervisor, an enlisted position, onboard the RC-135.

Eller was not only the first Air Force graduate, but was also the first enlisted member of any service to graduate and "wear the patch."

Eller is widely regarded as one of the top AMSs in the entire RJ program. "You will not find a more knowledgeable, more professional mission supervisor in the Air Force," Maj. Sam Oliver, 488th operations officer, said.

He started flying on the RJ Sept. 10, 1986, and became an AMS in 1992. He has spent more than 1,000 days in Southwest Asia, to include being there for the entirety of Operation Desert Storm, flying both on the RC-135 and the E-3B AWACS as an area specialist. He was also an integral part of the RJ success during the Kosovo Conflict.

When asked about the course, Eller said, "Probably the most professional set-up I have ever seen as an operator. Working with the Navy enabled me to rub elbows with folks from other walks of life, like the E-2C community, surface warfare officers and my Navy EP-3 counterparts.



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Having the opportunity to show the Navy what an Air Force flyer can do was generally enough for me. But I have to admit to a certain amount of pride from seeing my officer classmates recognize me, an enlisted member, as their professional peer."

When asked if expanding the program to Air Force enlisted members would give them an operational advantage, Eller said, "There is an advantage to accepting the Navy's invitation to send enlisted students to their course and bring back critical skills and broader perspectives. It's unfortunate that we don't have the same things available to us in the Air Force."

TSMCC course material provided advanced lessons in adversary systems and tactics, friendly weapons systems employment, mission planning, SIGINT mission tactical employ-



ment, and a host of other subjects related to strategic and tactical reconnaissance. The goal is to produce weapons school graduate mission commanders for the airborne reconnaissance program.

"We have been pushing for our enlisted aircrew, especially AMSs, to

be awarded an official certification for many years," CMSgt. Jim Sickich, 26th Information Operations superintendent, said. "Maybe the fact that the USN recognizes the skills we offer will open the doors to the USAFE Fighter Weapons School for our deserving enlisted warriors in the near future."

"This is an absolutely fantastic opportunity for our AMSs, Oliver said. "We realize how important continuing the education process is for our AMSs and the quality of the TSMCC will make it the centerpiece for which we will build all our other coursework around."

## General Wright visits Det. 9, 67th IOG

*By SSgt. David Zavala  
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Detachment 9, 67th IOG with its cadre of information warfare specialists, recently hosted a visit from Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, AIA commander.

The general received a tour of the 12th Air Force Air Operations Center. While there, he was briefed on the integration of the 12th Air Force Information Warfare Flight by Lt. Col. Joel Hill, commander.

He was also shown the capabilities that the 12th AF IWF brings to the fight. Detachment 9 members have been integrated within the 12th Air Force Air Operations Center and 612th Air Intelligence Squadron for more than two years as the Information Warfare Flight, where it has been able to grow from concept to application.

Detachment 9's mission for the 12th Air Force is two-fold—to conduct information operations and information warfare.

Wright also paid a visit to Detachment 2, 67th IOG where he received briefings on the capabilities

of the Compass Call Analysis and Targeting Team and the linguistic support Det. 2 provides.



*Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, at far right, visits with, from left, Lt. Col. Joel Hill, 12th Air Force Information Warfare Flight commander, and Lt. Gen. William Hobbins, 12th Air Force commander.*



# — around the command — 381<sup>st</sup> IS defends the Arctic's elephant cage

*By SSgt. Sandra Harden  
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**A**s rigid as a majestic ice sculpture, the FLR-9 stands a speechless, stanchion giant, stationed at land's end, near the mouth of Cook Inlet's Knik Arm.

Despite looking like the steel framework of a Mad Max Thunderdome, or a colossal, circular elephant cage, communications is its high communion; radio waves, its cryptic language.

"It's one of only two left in the world," said Lt. Col. Michael Phillips, 381st Intelligence Squadron commander. "It was built in the mid-60s, but it's still very reliable."

It's hard to describe the base's 'elephant cage' as just an antenna. Covering 40 acres near the Hillberg Ski Area, this passive giant rests, its array of three concentric antenna elements, reflecting rings and ground screens.

The FLR-9, along with remote antenna sites, allows an analyst to gain and exploit information for the Eleventh Air Force, Alaska North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Alaskan Command, and national customers. In addition, it allows analysts to assist with search and rescue operations from the Fort Richardson Emergency Response Center.

Around the clock, the 381st IS' mission is to gain, exploit, and defend information in order to secure aerospace and information superiority.

According to Phillips, 381st IS commander, these sites are part of the information collection and threat warning capability the squadron provides warfighting commanders—primarily 11th Air Force, Alaskan Command, the North American Aerospace Defense Command and national command authorities.

Electronic Systems Security Assessment is another unit operation within the squadron, which assesses the operations security vulnerabilities of military organizations throughout the Alaskan theater. They focus on telecommunications monitoring—phones, computers and other electronic venues—and provides blue (friendly) force commanders OPSEC posture feedback.

"It is not meant to be intrusive, but rather as a force protection tool," said Phillips, "It's a protective measure we give to commanders to ensure the integrity and security of their operations, in real-world scenarios, exercises, and day-to-day operations."

"A good example was during Operation Northern Denial in December," said Maj. Tim Traub, 381st IS operations officer. The squadron provided information to officials about where OPSEC vulnerabilities lay and provided them with countermeasures to combat the vulnerabilities.

What is it a warfighter wants when faced with making a judgement? The most accurate information seeped in subtle insight. The 381st IS intelligence analysts can give commanders an immediate account seconds after an incident, or offer up formal intelligence data points from which critical intelligence can be derived.

Three hundred personnel—linguists, analysts, system operators, planners, engineers, logisticians—all have their trade secrets. A pool of 17, uniquely trained security forces support the squadron's safeguarding requirement.

Although the ground collection mission remained low key in the past 10 years and work continues on outmoded, 70s-styled systems, the future is bright.

Senior intelligence officials and congressional influence determined in January that they would improve and expand the squadron's mission in the coming year with a multimillion dollar modernization effort bringing

the 381st state of the art technology.

"We're going to take out the old and put in the new; it's really going to be a long overdue and significant upgrade," Phillips said.

Another information operations milestone occurred in the squadron's chain of command when Air Intelligence Agency integrated with Air Combat Command Feb. 1.

"This is a natural evolution," noted General John P. Jumper, Commander of Air Combat Command. Phillips said though the merger is new, not a lot will change in terms of the day-to-day operations and the products the 381st provides.

"What we've done is simply realign in a more logical sense. Instead of going through a direct reporting unit such as AIA, we've connected ourselves directly to the warfighter and given limited command and control to the tactical commanders," the colonel said.

The 381st works closely with the tactical 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron. They provide six 'area specialists' for continuous-loop support aboard AWACS E-3 Sentry aircraft as it surveys the Alaskan Region.

"As an associated unit, the 381st is intrinsically linked with the missions of the 3rd Wing," Traub said.

# AFTAC financial analyst wins best in Air Force



*Craig Cox discusses funding issues with MSgt. Dennis Wideman.*

*By SMSgt. Fred Hagans  
AFTAC Public Affairs  
Patrick AFB, Fla.*

**A** financial analyst with the Air Force Technical Applications Center has been named the Air Force's Financial Services Civilian of the Year for 2000.

Craig Cox, earned the award in the GS-10 and below category while assigned to the 45th Space Wing as an accounting technician. Cox was a member of the wing's comptroller accounting liaison office where he was a prime interface with Defense Finance and Accounting Services for bill payments, and interest-penalty payments. On a daily basis, he came in contact with hundreds of customers, including vendors and unit resource advisors.

Lt. Col. Cynthia L. Cox, wing comptroller, said Cox's contribution to the base were many and varied, "His analytical skills were exceptional, and he was the primary trouble-shooter for any issue. He took care of customers,

vendors, and ensured bills were paid on time — there was nothing he couldn't do," Colonel Cox stated.

Cox was credited with a number of significant contributions to the wing. Among these was his work during the tri-annual review, which involved validating open contracts and other open funding documents three times during the fiscal year.

According to Colonel Cox, "Craig conducted a more in-depth review than had been accomplished in previous years, and found money in a number of old and new open contracts." All told, he uncovered more than \$14.1 million — money that was essential in averting a shutdown of some base operations. He also processed more than \$8.1 million in new open commitments during the year, which were crucial to quality of life programs at Patrick.

Cox, who spent three years with the 45th Space Wing said he is most proud of his involvement with the government purchase card program, formerly the International Merchant Purchase Agreement Card or IMPAC

program. He was directly involved with bringing the IMPAC program online at Patrick. His work with the program resulted in some \$75,000 in rebates for the base last year.

"I enjoy helping people solve their problems, whether they have a shortfall and need additional funds, or just giving them advice," Cox said.

While Cox is justifiably proud of the recent honor, he said it was all made possible by the support of his wife, Krissy, and his former co-workers of the accounting liaison office.



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# 68th IOS takes home OPSEC organizational achievement award

**M**embers of the 68th Information Operations Squadron at Brooks AFB, Texas, recently helped their squadron earn recognition as the most significant organizational contributor to the Air Force's OPSEC posture and will be recognized as the best in the Department of Defense June 12.

After earning AIA's nomination to the Air Force for the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff's Organizational Achievement Award, the squadron competed with other information operations units to determine who contributed the most to strengthen the OPSEC posture of the DoD.

Although the unit faced stiff competition, they earned the recognition by assessing the OPSEC/COMSEC vulnerabilities and recommending corrective measures to almost every DoD organization in the continental U.S., U.S. Southern Command, or U.S. Central Command who requested their service. The unit provides these assessments by monitoring unclassified telephone calls, e-mails, faxes, radio signals and unclassified web sites.

The award recognizes the unit that identifies and solves significant OPSEC problems, threats, or vulnerabili-

ties and has developed innovative programs to raise OPSEC awareness. In selecting the winner, the awards board asked, "How does this unit's accomplishments aid or support the practice of OPSEC in protecting national security?"

The 68th IOS came through with plenty of examples of protecting national security.

During the last 12 months, the 68th IOS monitored real world operations; plus the Joint Expeditionary Forces Experiment; and military exercises for the North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Transportation Command, U.S. Space Command, U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Central Command, Air Combat Command and 8th Air Force. The 68th also handles day-to-day operations for the Defense Intelligence Agency; the Air Intelligence Agency and numerous Air Force wings, groups and squadrons.

"The unit's mission is critical to the defense of our nation," Maj. David Bath, 68th IOS operations officer, said. "We find the OPSEC holes that an adversary could use against us and help the targeted units reduce or remove these vulnerabilities. In this way, we are saving lives and protecting precious military resources."

The unit's success in identifying critical OPSEC disclosures and vulnerabilities, including computer passwords and logon IDs, during these missions has allowed DoD to drastically improve their OPSEC and COMSEC postures. In fact, anyone working at Air Intelligence Agency recently has been affected by its work. After the 68th teamed with the 92nd Information Warfare Aggressor Squadron to conduct a vulnerability assessment of the Kelly complex, Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, AIA commander, was able to make significant,



**photos by Boyd Belcher**  
AT FAR LEFT: TSgt. Al Ortiz and SrA. Joshua Land take a closer look at equipment. AT LEFT: Maj. David Bath, 68th IOS director of Operations; SSgt. Kenyon Nessel, 68th IOS ESSA mission supervisor; and Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd, 311th Human Systems Wing commander, go over the nomination results.





*SrA. Joshua Land and SrA. Davey Bass, both radio maintenance technicians for the 68th IOS, perform a maintenance check.*

focused improvements to AIA's OPSEC procedures.

A perfect example of what the unit calls a success was the back-to-back monitor of a joint regional command's exercises. During the first monitor, the unit quickly learned critical details of the monitored exercise, identifying numerous opportunities for adversaries to wreak havoc on the command's objective.

However, the unit explained how they had identified these vulnerabilities. So, when the command requested a second monitor, vulnerabilities had been significantly reduced, keeping the 68th IOS from gleaning the kind of critical information they had on the previous mission.

When the command's J-3 was shown the crucial difference in the monitor results, he explained that the command had been so alarmed by the results of the first monitor, they spent the intervening time correcting the identified OPSEC and COMSEC problems and requested the second monitor to judge the success of their training. Other responses have been just as significant. One commander provided mobile secure phones to all of his embassies after a monitor while a second commander replaced all phones in his headquarters with autosecure phones.

While providing this critical support to DoD, the unit has worked to significantly increase their vulnerability monitoring capability at a reduced cost.

In October 1999, the unit successfully conducted its first "store and forward" operation using the SIPRnet, in which the unit deploys a small data transfer team who forwards monitored data back to the unit's analysis cell for

analysis and report writing. This technique saved about \$173,000 and significantly reduced the number of deployed man days, allowing the unit to conduct even more vulnerability analysis missions.

The unit also initiated a "dual monitor" system, where teams monitor co-located organizations at the same time, when possible, through "store and forward" operations. This allowed the unit to provide OPSEC and COMSEC monitoring service to 11 organizations at no additional cost. In addition, the unit teamed with aggressor forces for Red Flag and Blue Flag missions to identify the risks of poor OPSEC and has joined the Joint COMSEC Monitoring Activity and the 92nd IWAS to provide even better vulnerability assessments to their customers.

"It's an honor to be recognized with this esteemed award," Bath said. "All of the men and women of the 68th give 100 percent all of the time and it's their initiative and mission accomplishments that make this award possible."



# Tri Awards Banquet honors

By TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday  
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The top civilians, company grade officer and chaplain were honored at AIA recently during the annual Tri Awards Banquet in San Antonio.

Each year, top civilians receive the Gordon W. Sommers Award, named in honor of Gordon W. Sommers, former assistant to the commander of the Electronic Security Command, who retired

after 40 years of service with AIA's predecessor units.

The event not only honors civilians but the top CGO from AIA and recognizes an AIA-unit nominated chaplain as the Sensor Chaplain Award winner.

Award recipients were: Sheila Weiss, Jr. Level Civilian; Yahari Butler, Mid-Level Civilian; Tomas Sanchez-Miranda, Sr. Level Civilian; Capt. Todd Berrier, CGO; and Chaplain (Capt.) David Mansberger, Sensor Chaplain.



photo by Boyd Belcher

Sheila Weiss from the 381st IS, accepts the Gordon W. Sommers Award for the AIA junior-level civilian from Sommers, at left, and Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, AIA commander.



photo by Boyd Belcher

Yahari Butler from the 690th Intelligence Support Squadron accepts the Gordon W. Sommers Award for the AIA mid-level civilian from Sommers, at left, and Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, AIA commander.

## Yahari Butler Mid-Level Civilian

Yahari Butler is a classified information systems accreditor assigned to the 690th Intelligence Support Squadron at Kelly AFB, Texas. He is the designating approving authority representative and Department of Defense Intelligence Information Systems certifier responsible for systems security accreditation of more than 150 operational field sites in support of National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency and Headquarters Air Intelligence Agency. He also serves as the AIA liaison with warfighting representatives at worldwide military bases, forts and ships afloat to ensure systems confidentiality, availability and integrity. He is responsible for all HQ AIA system network accreditation packages and reviews for proper configuration, security compliance and impact to current information assurance operations and future planning. Butler was a key contributor to the first AIA Information Assurance Conference in San Antonio and is active with the Meals on Wheels program, Security Hill Black Awareness Group, Macedonia Baptist Church, mentoring program at Carroll Elementary School, San Antonio Food Bank and the Prince Hall Lodge Masons and the City-Wide Brotherhood of San Antonio organizations. He was the Mid-Level Civilian of the Quarter for the squadron during the third quarter of 2000 as well as the 690th IOG mid-level civilian for the same quarter. He is the 1999 690th IOG Civilian of the Year 1999 and the 690th ISS Information Assurance Professional of the Year 1999.

## Tomas Sanchez-Miranda Senior Level Civilian

Tomas Sanchez-Miranda is the chief of the Corporate Planning Division for the 67th Information Operations Wing at Kelly AFB, Texas. He is responsible for program management of the 67th





**photo by Boyd Belcher**  
Tomas Sanchez-Miranda from the 67th Information Operations Wing accepts the Gordon W. Sommers Award for the AIA senior-level civilian from Sommers, at left, and Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, AIA commander.

IOW Consolidated Cryptologic Program, General Defense Intelligence Program and Air Force Program Objective Memorandum. He manages the wing strategic plan and wing current year unfunded requirements. Sanchez-Miranda skillfully guided the efforts of NCOs under his supervision to the successful prosecution of the wing's fiscal year 2001 unfunded requirements. His efforts resulted in the most successful monetary return to the wing-satisfying critical wing shortfalls. During previous assignments Sanchez-Miranda worked as an intelligence collector, transcriber, critical task list trainer and evaluator, technical and SIGINT product analyst, target country analysis and reporting team chief, reporting branch chief for a major geographical area and senior flight commander. In his free time, he assists a local girl scout troop leader with community service activities and he is also the homeroom parent for third and fourth grade classes at Carson Elementary School. He was selected as the 67th IOW senior civilian of the of the year 1999 and wing headquarters senior civilian of the quarter for the second quarter of 2000. He was also the recipient of the Dan Berkant Award and NSA professional status as a voice language analyst.

### **Capt. Todd Berrier** *CGO of the Year 2000*

Capt. Todd Berrier is the chief of Current Operations for the 488th Intelligence Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, England. As the officer in charge of an

airborne reconnaissance unit, he leads a diverse team of ground and airborne linguists, intelligence signals analysts and computer system operators. He is responsible for the unit's training program for airborne operators and transcription of collected material. He oversees the preparation and recovery for every combat and combat support Rivet Joint sortie and the use of \$24 million

ground data processing system for ground transportation. He is AIA's 2000 Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award. He serves as the charities' officer for the squadron, ensuring monthly visits to a local children's hospital from the 488th. He also completed 20 credit hours toward his master's degree in human relations with the University of Oklahoma in an eight-month period. Berrier was the first Mission Support Flight commander at the 18th Intelligence Squadron before being stationed at the 303rd IS as an information watch officer and executive officer to the commander. He was the chief of mission analysis at the 488th before his current position.

### **Chaplain (Capt.) David Mansberger**

*Sensor Chaplain 2000*

**Chaplain (Capt.) David**  
Mansberger is a chaplain for the 15th Air Base Wing chaplain's office and is an integral part of the 324th IS team. "Chaplain Mansberger epitomizes the qualities and characteristics, I believe, that are essential to a nominee for this program," Lt. Col. Evelyn Rockwell, 324th IS commander, said. "An outstanding man, and a super chaplain, AIA, I believe, will be hard-pressed to find a more deserving chaplain than our David Mansberger. He is the best of the best." He is responsible for more than 500 Air Force members assigned to the Kunia Regional Security Operations Center and he assists two sister service chaplains



**photo by Boyd Belcher**  
Capt. Todd Berrier from the 488th Intelligence Squadron accepts the CGO 2000 Award from Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, AIA commander.

with more than 1,500 joint service members stationed there. "This selfless man, his wonderful wife and children, epitomize what it means to be a military chaplain, devoted to his flock, his family, his friends," Rockwell said. "He is positive, motivated, more correctly, he is a motivator." Mansberger has two other units he is assigned to at Hickam AFB, those unit commanders tell Rockwell that he's always at their units and they don't know when he could be with the 324th. "He must have a twin," Rockwell said. A few of the programs that Mansberger has been instrumental in for the 324th airmen are: delivering more than \$1,000 worth of food grocery vouchers to 12 families at Thanksgiving, and then again at Christmas, midnight programs for airmen with goodwill candy kisses and conversation and midnight sausages and sodas for watch break.



**photo by Boyd Belcher**  
Chaplain (Capt.) David Mansberger from the 415th Air Base Wing accepts the Sensor Chaplain Award from Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, AIA commander.



# Old Granddad's Dream: B-24 crew not forgotten

By Capt. Joye Davis-Kirchner  
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It never ceases to amaze me how our military life brings us into contact with some of the world's most interesting people and how this starts a chain reaction bringing delightful surprises.

In 1997 and 1998 I was TDY to the American detachment in Istres, 16th EOG, (Provence), France. I often came into contact with many of the local military and civic organizations.

One year we received an invitation to take part in a ceremony to honor the memory of a U.S. B-24 crew, *Old Granddad's Dream*, who perished over a small

village, Courthezon, not far from Orange on May 27, 1944. The crew was part of a larger formation flying out of Italy on their way to bomb the Nimes Rail Yard. Col. Kyle Rensler, 16th EOG commander, recommended we meet the organizer of the event before committing to anything. Thus, it came to pass that I was to meet Alain Gomez.

Gomez is president of a

military vehicles collectors' association that has built a memorial to the B-24 crew in his town. Every year the association hosts a commemorative ceremony honoring the crew on or near the anniversary shoot down date.

Gomez had heard about the B-24 crash for many years, and he did research and discovered crew members' names, crash date, mission of the crew and names of the last known living relatives.

Through this research came the idea to construct a memorial and honor the crew so that their sacrifices would not be forgotten.

Once the memorial (or stele) was in place, he then wrote to the American detachment commander at Istres

asking for American airmen to participate in the commemorative ceremony.

The first event took place about five years ago when the detachment commander was Col. Alan Hoover.

Hoover, a francophone himself, was touched by the idea and brought with him a small color detail, and his son played "Taps" at the ceremony. Thus began a yearly request for the unit to participate. Not only do members from the U.S. detachment in Istres participate, but also the local French Navy base at Orange sends a color detail, and the local base commanders from Orange and Istres, as well as local civic dignitaries, are called on to speak.

Unfortunately, my TDYs in Istres

were over before the event so I was never able to attend. This past year after my reassignment to Ramstein I was more determined than ever to attend since I was once again in Europe.

It was a wonderful ceremony full of symbolism and friendship. Gomez hosts the large group in the courtyard of his home for lunch after the ceremony. I



*A memorial honoring the U.S. B-24 crew for Old Granddad's Dream is the site for an annual remembrance ceremony that brings together locals, American military members stationed overseas and surviving family and friends of the crew.*



was able to talk to French veterans and members of the Foreign Legion who also attended.

Mr. Gomez shared with me a copy of all the documentation he had accumulated during the course of his research. His fondest wish was to find a living member of the crews' families and to let them know of this annual event and to invite them.

I agreed to help in any way that I could, and armed with the list of last known relatives' names and addresses, I began to do research myself. I contacted the Veteran's Association, the American Legion, the president of the 464th Bomb Group, Mr. Anthony Schneider, and the secretary Mrs. Betty J. Karle.

I noticed looking at the crews' families' last known addresses that one, Lt. Jesse Ward, the bombardier, was from Eufaula, Ala. Not knowing Alabama, but knowing I would be at Squadron Officers' School in Montgomery, Ala., I was determined to go there in person and see what I could find. If Eufaula was a small town (which it is), there would be a good possibility that I could find someone by word of mouth.

Fourth of July weekend last year, I rented a car and drove to Eufaula. Not sure where to start, I began with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW members were warm and hospitable, and over a plate of barbecue I relayed why I had come. As luck would have it, they had a picture of Ward hanging over the bar in a section dedicated to locals killed during WWII.

They supplied me with a copy and then suggested that I contact the *The Eufaula Tribune's* editor. As it was a holiday weekend, no one was either at the newspaper office or the editor's home, so I drove to the last known address and found that there was no longer a dwelling on this spot. Leaving my contact information, I returned to Montgomery, asking Ray Wimmer, VFW commander, if he found out anything else to please contact me.

I received a call a week later from Mr. Wimmer. He had located Ward's



At left is Ken Richardts and his wife, Henrietta, in 1953. The Richardts are shown below in 1998 at a 464th Bomb Group reunion. Richardts was the crew chief for Old Granddad's Dream B-24.



It is Mr. Gomez' most fervent wish that she attend the ceremony on May 26, but as of yet, we are not sure she will come. As I explained to Mr. Gomez, military members are the exception regarding travel. Many Americans never travel abroad and it is for some a dream which is too expensive.

In the meantime, I will continue to write to Mrs. Beamon and let her know of this year's ceremony which I hope to attend.

Since I have talked with her, a copy of the report I translated has appeared in the 464th Bomb Group Newsletter.

Mr. Gomez received the following reply from Mr. Ken Richardts regarding *Old Granddad's Dream*:

*"Dear Alain: Lt. R. Parrish was the pilot in the 777<sup>th</sup> squadron and Old Granddad's Dream B-24 was my airplane. I was crew chief on that bomber which was normally flown by Lt. "Buddy" Elrod and his crew.*

*On this day, May 27, 1944, Lt. Elrod and his crew were selected to fly with our squadron commander in another airplane. Thus, Lt. Parrish and his crew were assigned to my airplane #42-78092.*

*At this time I am not sure if I could be at your ceremony on May 26, 2001. It is a great honor to be remembered after so many years have passed. If at all possible, I will try to be there."*

It's interesting to know that more than 50 years later, two small Southern towns, one in France and one in Alabama, share the French connection which lives on every Memorial Day weekend.

daughter, Jerry Beamon in Jacksonville, Fla., and gave me her address. I was able to get her telephone number through directory assistance and for the first time since I began my quest I was hesitant. Would she be interested in the information I had? Would she even want to talk to me? As luck would have it, she was very receptive to my inquiries. I explained my mission and asked if she would like a translated copy of any of the French reports, newspaper articles and photos which I had taken at the last ceremony.

I was stunned when she told me, "My mother was only three months pregnant with me when my father was killed. I never knew him, nor really the events surrounding his death. When I was younger I never thought to ask, but I find as a person gets older they wonder more about their origins and the importance takes on an entirely new dimension."

I agreed to mail her a packet and to follow up later to find out if it was helpful. My most important message was to let her know that after all these years, her father's memory was not forgotten.

Weeks later, I e-mailed Mrs. Beamon to gauge her reaction to the clippings. She told me seeing the memorial with her father's name engraved brought tears to her eyes, and she was grateful I had taken the time to find her.



# 488th IS deliver tactical, strategic intelligence information worldwide

*By Karen Abeyasekera*

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By day or by night ... the men and women of the 488th Intelligence Squadron work around the clock, assisting, providing and protecting the most dangerous weapon of the 21st Century – information.

They provide tactical and strategic intelligence to theater and national consumers, supporting both European Command and Central Command taskings.

The 488th IS has three geographically separated detachments at RAF Digby, RAF Molesworth and Souda Bay, Crete.

With almost 400 personnel making up three flights, the 488th IS consists of operations, logistics and small computers.

The largest of the three flights, operations, consists mainly of linguists.

Their primary role is to man and operate the back end of the RC-135 Rivet Joint aircraft.

They also have members who assist the 352nd Special Operations Group as direct support operators (on MH-53M Pave Low IC helicopters, MC-130H Combat Talon II and MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft), along with a small cadre of people who support U-2 remote operations.

Additionally, the 488th provides communications security support for all bases in the United Kingdom.

"The RC-135 has evolved into an integral part of our Air Expeditionary Force," said Maj. Sam Oliver, operations officer. "It has become the primary provider of threat information for combat forces."

Operations has 275 people within its flight and they spend more than half of their time deployed.

"The Air Force determines us as a 'high demand, low density' asset," said Oliver.

"It's not uncommon for us to have a linguist who spends around 60 percent of their time deployed."

The 488th IS has won its fair share of awards over the years, with operations winning the Gen. Jerome O'Malley Award (recognizing the best reconnaissance aircrew for the Air Force) three years in a row, but to the operations folks, it's not the awards that matter.

"If you ask any of our guys here, they'll tell you the ultimate accolade is a fighter pilot coming up to them and saying 'hey – you saved my life today ...' and meaning it – that's what counts for us," Oliver said. "Plaques are nice to have – but saving lives is better."

Something else that is unique to operations, both with the RC-135 and their support to the 352nd SOG, is the fact that they function with enlisted aircrew operators.

"There aren't many weapons systems in the Air Force that put that responsibility (i.e. to make a life saving threat call) in the hands of a senior airman," said Oliver. "That's a testament to their training, hard work and professionalism."

The logistics flight provides both ground and airborne maintenance support to RC-135 operations.

The ground data processing system is used to prepare and recover missions and between them the maintainers repair equipment both on the ground and on the aircraft during the flight.

"We're the backbone of the 488th," said Capt. Wayne Lunsford, logistics flight commander. "We keep all systems, both airborne and ground, operating and we have one of the best maintenance records in (Air Intelli-

gence Agency) history," he said. They consider themselves a mini-squadron, having 80 people in their flight covering a variety of different missions.

These consist of the airborne and ground maintainers, ground radio troops, supply troops, one civil engineer manager, administration troops, secure communication, computer maintenance and a quality control section.

"Our quality control guys are the eyes and ears for LG," said Lunsford, "and our admin troops are some of the best in the business. Our supply section is responsible for approximately 2,000 line items valued at around \$5.5 million."

The bulk of the maintainers support the RC-135, both in the air and on the ground, though they also support the SOG helicopters and MC-130 aircraft.

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*Maj. Sam Oliver  
operations officer.*

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The LG flight won the Maintenance Effectiveness Award for 2000 as well as the Thomas P. Gerrity Award (for best logistics operation) for 1999.

"We have some of the most disciplined airmen, totally dedicated to the mission and very intelligent," said Lunsford.

"The best thing about our flight is that we get things done right – the first time."

Small computers supports and maintains all communication aspects of the operators and maintainers of the 488th.

Without them, the information collected wouldn't go anywhere.

They've recently come off 24-hour operations; the 66 percent manning across the Air Force for their career field has forced the 488th to take a look at new ways of doing business.

They are moving from being message operators to becoming a fully integrated network operations center, maintaining UNIX and Windows systems for more than 400 customers.

"I've got one of the best flights in AIA, bar none," said 1st Lt. Alex Ackerman, communication and information flight commander.

"We operate the only AIA systems control facility in the United Kingdom and for the sixth consecutive year we've achieved a circuit reliability of over 99 percent with zero mission aborts caused by circuit failure," he said.

Within their flight, SC has a wide variety of communication specialties – a planner, two technical

controllers, one programmer (who has developed a database program used by their operations schedulers that will track individual training of fliers within the unit and assist in building flight crews for missions), communications operators and information managers.

The flight has also processed more than 31,000 defense special security communications messages for 3rd Air Force, 100th Air Refueling Wing, 48th Fighter Wing and 352nd SOG with no errors.

Ackerman says his senior non-commissioned officers are some of the best in the Air Force.

"Their experience and expertise not only provides me with guidance on operations and personal issues within the flight," he said. "They provide the added level of assurance

that if I go on temporary duty or on leave – I can sleep at night knowing the flight is in capable hands."

Lt. Col. Troy Hithe, 488th IS commander, had his first assignment at RAF Mildenhall as a second lieutenant back in 1982 and he says it was his dream to come back some day as commander.

"A lot has changed at the unit and at RAF Mildenhall over the years, but one thing has remained constant: the quality of the men and women assigned to this unit – without doubt they are the very best the Air Force has to offer," Hithe said.

"I have never been anywhere where pride in mission and unit accomplishment was more evident."

"The airmen here are well-trained, motivated and smart," he said.



488thers from front to back are, SrA. Mike Ryan, SrA. Yann Martin, SSgt. Eric Mountain, SrA. Garret Michael and SrA. Earl Barth.

photo by TSgt. Jim Hughes







The 70th Intelligence Wing held its first awards banquet at Fort Meade, Md. Pictured are, front row from left, SMSgt. Raul Chavez Jr. 543rd IG; MSgt. Peter Rich, 70th IW Staff; MSgt. Teresa Collet, 694th IG; SSgt. Shannon Fields-Majied, 373rd IG; Angie Clifton, 543rd IG, and 1st Lt. Angela Merry, 373rd IG. Back row from left are, MSgt. Mark Goetzke, 694th IG; SSgt. Gregory Fry, 694th IG; TSgt. Gary Kimball, 70th IW; TSgt. Timothy Hoch, 373rd IG; SSgt. Janice Del Valle, 543rd IG; MSgt. James Joiner, 373rd IG and SSgt. Hayes Ohler II, 543rd IG. Included in the visit were tours of the Washington, D.C., area, Baltimore and Annapolis.

## 70th Intel Wing holds first awards banquet

The 70th Intelligence Wing held its first awards banquet at Fort Meade, Md.

The winners are: Airman of the Year - SSgt. Gregory Fry, 694th IG; NCO of the Year - TSgt. Timothy Hoch, 373rd IG; SNCO of the Year - MSgt. James Joiner, 373rd IG; CGO of the Year - Capt. David May, First Sergeant of the Year - MSgt. Kenneth Goetzke, 694th IG; Senior Category Civilian of the Year - Richard Mader, 70th IW; and Junior Category Civilian of the Year - Georgina Clements, 694th IG.

Included in the visit were tours of the Washington, D.C., area (museums, monuments and restaurants), Baltimore and Annapolis. The visit concluded with an awards banquet attended by the wing commander, each group commander plus group and squadron representatives and guests. The guest speaker was retired CMSAF Sam E. Parish.

## Civilian accepts Armed Forces Silver Cross of Honor

In a small ceremony at the Amt Fuer Militaer Kunde (AMK or Bureau for Military Science) in Munich, Germany, Mr. Robert Sherry Sr. was presented the Ehrenkreuz Der Bundeswehr in Silber or Armed Forces Silver Cross of Honor.

The presentation was made by Brig. Gen. Peter Schafranek, Military Analysis Division chief, March 14.

The medal was presented for loyal performance of duties and outstanding achievements. It is one of the most treasured awards of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Germany. Mrs. Sherry and a small group of staff officers were present for the ceremony. After the ceremony a small reception and a luncheon were held at a local restaurant.

The citation accompanying the award read:

*"Since 1991, Mr. Robert Sherry has performed the duties of the liaison officer*

*between the AMK and the agencies of the U.S. Air Force. With great knowledge, a clear sense of purpose and a high degree of empathy, he exercised his intermediary duties very fairly and with great success.*

*It is to be owed especially to his initiative, that documents were made accessible to the AMK, which substantially facilitated local evaluations.*

*During the preparation and execution of delegation journeys and experts conferences, his consultation and accompaniment were usually the critical dimensions for the very good success of the cooperation. He fulfilled his duties with unusual commitment, often at the expense of his own affairs and helped German-American cooperation to intensify and expand considerably in the area of military intelligence.*

*Mr. Sherry made himself particularly valuable to the AMK and thereby also to the Bundeswehr.*

Sherry is the first Air Force liaison officer to be presented an award of this nature since the cooperation began more than 40 years ago.



Mr. Robert Sherry Sr. was presented the Armed Forces Silver Cross of Honor by Brig. Gen. Peter Schafranek, Military Analysis Division chief, March 14.



# Skivvy Nine swims with sharks into modern technology

By SrA. Tim Miller & SrA. Crystal Lane  
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You may think that Morse Code, an archaic means of sending information from one place to another, is dead.

But Morse Code is alive and well in some parts of the world.

Morse Code is a series of dits and dashes that represent letters and words. It can be sent rapidly through automated machines or can be transmitted via voice at an astounding rate.

Morse Code is processed by some of the men and women of the 303rd Intelligence Squadron at Osan AB, South Korea. For many years the diligent individuals at Skivvy 9 have had to endure the hardships of collecting this information on antiquated equipment. Recently that equipment was upgraded and

replaced with a state-of-the-art computer system. This system, called the Shark system, fuses high-speed hardware with the most advanced software for unparalleled speed and accuracy. Quality products are not sacrificed to gain this speed. Hybrid playback software allows immediate playback of collected data while still in collection mode.

This, combined with advanced edit functions, makes corrections and improvements easier and quicker allowing the most accurate product possible to be published. Moreover, Oilstock provides real-time collection of data resulting in a more timely and accurate depiction of the information collected.

The Shark system allows operators to double their production while maintaining high accuracy. The system also has an internal, computer-to-computer chat function, which allows operators to coordinate information and collection directly from

their positions. On the old system, operators had to yell out their information or pick up a phone to pass it on. This was very disruptive for the other missions in progress nearby. Operators can also use the chat function for tip off and verification of information with greatly increased speed.

In September 2000, a team of contractors were sent TDY to Osan to facilitate the installation of the system and to train the operators on the new functions. The project was complete in two weeks and training took place afterwards.

As Shark system had its first real-world mission, Skivvy 9 looked on with great trepidation. In its trial run, the system was trouble free and Skivvy 9 heaved a sigh of relief. This has truly been a historic year for Skivvy 9.

The equipment upgrade was accomplished just before the Skivvy 9 50th anniversary celebration.

## 93rd IS takes home final Levitow for Kelly ALS

Several members of the 93rd Intelligence Squadron at Lackland AFB, Texas, were part of the last graduating class from the Kelly Airman Leadership School.

Graduates from the 93rd are: SrAs. Tanya Dominguez, Cort Smith, Kimberly Essick, Brady Tessmer, Erik Segabache and Erica Garcia.

Smith was awarded the John Levitow Award. The once traveling trophy will be permanently displayed at the 93rd.



Members of the 93rd Intelligence Squadron gather around the John Levitow trophy awarded to SrA. Cort Smith from the 93rd during the final graduation ceremony at Kelly's Airman Leadership School. Pictured are, front row from left are, SrA. Tobias Radford, SrA. Jason Shell, SrA. Erik Segabache, TSgt. Katherine Moore, MSgt. Lauren Barboza, Maj. Randy Kersey, 93rd IS commander; Smith, CMSgt. Ted Colquhoun, SMSgt. Robert Tuler, TSgt. Paul Laliberte, SrA. Joshua Tessmer and TSgt. Robert Jordan. Back row from left are, A1C Joe Salinas, A1C Ashley House, SSgt. Brian Richards, SrA. Erica Garcia, MSgt. Justo Silva, SrA. Tanya Dominguez, SSgt. Lisa Levin, TSgt. Luis Reyes-Agosto, TSgt. Scott Birnel, MSgt. Gabriel Partida and A1C Lorenzo Casarrubias.



# Ambassador Walker speaks at 381st IS Dining Out

By 2nd Lt. Lindsey Bowers  
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Members of the 381st Intelligence Squadron came together for the annual squadron dining out Feb. 9.

An Air Force tradition, held at Air Force bases around the globe, dining outs provide an opportunity for squadron members to come together socially, enjoy successes, remember the past, and pay tribute to those who have sacrificed for freedoms we enjoy today.

The theme for this year's 381st IS Dining Out was "Arctic Warriors ... Worldwide Defenders." The theme was chosen because of the great number of squadron members who deploy away from their homes around the globe. Currently members are deployed in such areas as Kosovo, Bosnia, Turkey, Germany, Italy, in the skies of Southwest Asia and in the waters of the North Pacific.

The speaker for this year's dining out was Ambassador William G. Walker. Walker is a 40-year veteran of the Foreign Service and is one of a handful of career ministers serving actively with the Department of State.

Lt. Col. Michael Phillips, 381st IS com-



photos by MSgt. Gerard Voellinger

Ambassador William G. Walker was the guest speaker for the 381st IS Dining Out. Walker is a 40 year veteran of the Foreign Service and is a career minister serving with the Department of State.

mander, and Ambassador Walker served together from October 1998 through June 1999 in Pristina, Kosovo.

Walker headed the Kosovo Verification Mission, leading more than 1,400 international and 1,500 local staff in an unarmed peacekeeping effort.

The KVM was responsible for verifying Yugoslav and Kosovo Liberation Army compliance with the terms of U.N. resolutions and subsequent agreements reached among the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, NATO, and President Milosevic.

Walker spoke to unit members about the civil-military relationships he experienced during his time in Kosovo. He spoke of the difficulties faced in establishing trust and co-exist-

ence strategies in a land where ethnic hatred knows no bounds. He also spoke of the dynamics of civil and military relationships and what goes on behind the scenes in experiences such as his in Kosovo.

The 2001 381st IS Dining Out was a memorable experience and a huge success. It was a time to reflect on the mission we accomplish day-to-day, as well as what has been accomplished in the past.



Lt. Col. Michael Phillips, 381st IS commander, at left, and Ambassador Walker, pictured during the 381st Dining Out, served together from October 1998 through June 1999 in Pristina, Kosovo.



*Lt. Col. Mike Phillips, 381st IS commander, Ambassador William Walker and Maj. Robert Jackson, Det. 460 commander, take a tour of the Alaska pipeline.*

# Former ambassador visits Eielson

**By TSgt. Elton Price**  
354th Fighter Wing  
Eielson AFB, Alaska

During a visit to Eielson Feb. 8, a former U.S. ambassador recounted how ancient hatreds in the Balkans escalated into war crimes during his time heading an international peacekeeping contingent in Kosovo.

Ambassador William Walker, a career diplomat who'd once served as U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, gave several members of Det. 460, Air Force Technical Applications Center, a riveting, first-hand glimpse of the trials and tribulations U.N. peacekeepers faced in Kosovo during his time there.

The U.N. Secretary General tagged Walker for the post after U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke brokered a deal with former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic to allow a foreign verification team into Kosovo. Under the terms of the agreement, 1,400 international peacekeepers joined local peacekeepers in an unarmed effort headed by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Trying to carry out that mission proved troublesome from the start.

Several ambassadors from other peacekeeping nations asked Walker to ensure their people's safety. "They all seemed to be saying, 'If any of our people get hurt, the political ramifications would be horrendous. So, don't put any of our people where they can get hurt,'" Walker said.

The hardest part of their mission — verifying cease-fire conditions while at the same time monitoring military and police actions — was "going in there unarmed to a place where everyone else is armed," he said.

With the Serbs and ethnic Albanians clashing on an almost daily

basis, to go out into the city unarmed meant the peacekeepers had to travel via armored personnel carrier. The peacekeepers received 400 of the carriers, which they painted a bright orange so the warring sides would recognize them as peacekeepers.

However, Walker said, Milosevic quickly painted his vehicles orange to try to fool the Kosovo Liberation Army into thinking the Serb vehicles were peacekeepers.

"During that time, Milosevic thought he could manipulate us and put up enough smoke so we really wouldn't know what was going on, which was of course bad stuff,"



*Members from Det. 460 welcome Ambassador William Walker to their unit. From left are, SrA. Jordan Lloyd, SSgt. Scott Morgan, SMSgt. Julie Doll, Maj. Robert Jackson, commander; Walker, A1C William Burk and TSgt. Richard Bohn.*



**Spokesman**  
**AIR INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

Walker said. "We immediately tried to get our people out into all corners of Kosovo. We set up five regional centers in the major population areas, then we spread out from there like a spider web to some of the smaller villages."

The strategy worked at first, with both sides using the peacekeepers as go-betweens to broker various deals. However, over time, the violence escalated.

It reached a turning point in a tiny farming village called Racak.

On Jan. 15, 1999, after the Serbian military had shelled the village, masked Serbian police arrived and told the villagers they were taking the men to the local police station. Instead, they took the group of about 40 men and boys up into the nearby hills.

"The women left behind thought the men were being taken up for interrogation, beatings or being sent to prison," Walker said. "It wasn't 'til the following morning that they found that the men had been led up this ravine and executed."

Walker then related how after being notified of the event, he immediately went out to verify what had happened.

"In what was a very dramatic day in my life, we climbed up this ravine and came across the first body. Someone lifted a little rug, and his (the victim's) head was gone ... bullet holes," Walker said. "Further up we found the next body, and the next

body, then a pile of bodies all of whom had been blown to pieces. None of them were in KLA uniforms ... no evidence of weapons. The (Yugoslav) government claimed of course that someone had changed them into civilian clothes and taken away their weapons. Milosevic accused me of having engineered this, of having staged this. They came out with all kinds of stories."

Walker said it was obvious what had happened.

"These guys had been taken up the hill and from the high ground on either side of this gully, they'd all been shot with high-caliber weapons by the special police," Walker said. "When we got back to Pristina, I gave a press conference. I told them what I'd seen. I told them from what I'd seen and heard in the village, and what I saw up on the hill, these guys were executed. This was a crime against humanity and that I personally felt it was the responsibility of the security services of Belgrade."

He then called for them to bring in a team of international investigators from the Hague, from the war crimes tribunal in the Netherlands, to do the forensics and criminal investigation.

An infuriated Milosevic declared Walker a "person non grata" and ordered him to leave the country within 48 hours.

The United Nations told Walker to stay put. As the 48-hour deadline came and went, Milosevic backed

down and reluctantly allowed Walker to stay.

However, from that point on, Walker and the peacekeepers would face increased harassment. The atrocities against the ethnic Albanians were also escalating. Finally, the United Nations ordered the peacekeepers to withdraw from their Pristina headquarters. It took them just six hours to exit the country. Walker and his crew set up an interim headquarters at Skopje, Macedonia. Soon thereafter, the U.N. began its bombing campaign to force Milosevic to adhere to the U.N. mandates.

Following the bombing, U.N. forces moved back in and have since been enforcing a shaky peace. Another step toward a more stable peace was reached last October, when Serbian president Slobodan Milosevic was ousted after 12 years of tyranny.

The United States applauded the election of new Yugoslav president Vojislav Kostunica by lifting sanctions, and the International Monetary Fund said it would reopen its doors to Belgrade. Kostunica has since said he wanted the two estranged countries to resume normal diplomatic relations.

Walker said the main lesson of his time in Kosovo is to never let a challenge go unchallenged.

"If you let people like Milosevic get away with one challenge one week, they'll take that as a sign of weakness and will always come back with something worse next week."

## — safety —

# *101 Critical Days of Summer quickly approaching*

*By TSgt. Bret Wanty  
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During the summer months of 2001, many of us will enjoy exciting, new, and fun-filled activities with friends and family. Picnics, water sports and vacation drives will be at the top of our lists of things to do. This

high outdoor activity period, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, is also known in the Air Force as "The 101 Critical Days of Summer."

Unfortunately, during this heightened activity period, many people lose their lives while enjoying the very summer activities that pique their interests.

Historically, private motor

vehicle accidents have been the most dangerous activities for Air Force people and their families. Last year, 19 Air Force members lost their lives during the 101 Critical Days.

Sixteen of those deaths occurred on the highway with only 5 of the 13 people involved in automobile accidents wearing seat belts. Alcohol use was responsible for two members'



deaths, one in an automobile another on a motorcycle. Water-related activities claimed another life. These numbers reflect a record low for the Air Force and show that our continuous efforts are paying off in reducing Air Force deaths and injuries. However, the all too familiar enemies — private motor vehicle mishaps and drownings — are killing too many of our people.

Inattention, failure to follow established procedures, and alcohol abuse are the common causes for these mishaps. The keys to ending these

senseless deaths and staying alive on the roadways are defensive driving, seatbelts and risk management (using good common sense).

Of course, drinking and driving never mix. Use a designated driver or call a taxi.

Equally important is the increase in water-related activities during the summer months. We must all be more cautious and aware of the unique risks involved. Personal floatation devices are a must and another proven lifesaver. Everyone should use them. Even the best swimmers can become

victims under adverse conditions.

Don't let a water-related outing turn into a tragedy.

The summer is a time to play and enjoy outings with family and friends.

It's up to each of us to plan for the obvious risks involved in whatever we do. Identify the hazards associated with the activity and take the appropriate actions to reduce or avoid the risks. Just a few minutes of your time to plan activities can give you and your family a lifetime of great memories and lead to a relaxing summer.

## Answers to summer safety questions

*Q. What brought about the 101 Critical Days of Summer?*

**A. During past years the Air Force incurred large numbers of fatalities throughout the summer months. The significant number of Air Force members' deaths determined the need for a program to help reduce personnel losses.**

*Q. When does the 101 Critical Days of Summer start?*

**A. 101 Critical Days of Summer run from the Friday before Memorial Day until midnight Labor Day.**

*Q. What are some of the most common injuries seen during this time of year?*

**A. Most injuries are related to sports and recreational activities. People become complacent and forget about how dangerous some of the activities really are. Remember to stretch before any sporting activity and know your limitations. Always wear the appropriate personal protective equipment.**

*Q. Swimming is popular throughout the summer months. Any special concerns?*

**A. About 4,000 people are killed in the United States annually in swimming accidents. Swimming is the fifth leading cause of accidental deaths. Always swim with a buddy. Never leave children alone. Swimming lessons don't make a child drown-proof.**

*Q. What about barbecuing?*

**A. Important tips to remember are:**

- ☐ always barbecue away from anything that may catch fire - barbecue in an open area
- ☐ never leave a lighted grill unattended
- ☐ too much liquid fuel can start a flash fire
- ☐ keep small children away from the grill.

*Q. What about roller skating, roller blading and skateboarding safety?*

**A. All members (including family members, -retirees, etc) must wear an approved American National Standard Institute, Snell Memorial Foundation, or host nation-certified helmet. The chinstrap must be properly fastened under the chin while wearing the helmet. The wear of elbow and kneepads is required. Stereo headphones will not be worn while operating a motorized or non-motorized vehicle.**

*Q. Should motorcycle riders be more conscience in the summer months?*

**A. Motorcycle riders have to be more aware of their surroundings than normal motorized vehicles. Even though they have the same right to the roads as automobiles, automobile drivers are not aware of the dangers of riding a motorcycle.**

*Q. What are some of the things to look out for while fishing or boating?*

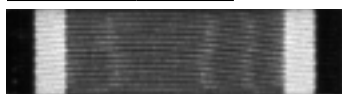
**A. More than 1,000 people die in boating accidents each year. Nine out of 10 of the deaths are from drowning. About half of those deaths involve alcohol. Avoid precarious reaching and balancing to get unhooked after a bad cast. Always carry spare gas when boating. Do not fill the cans completely full because of expansion from the weather. Do not drink while boating.**

*Q. Are there Jet Ski safety tips?*

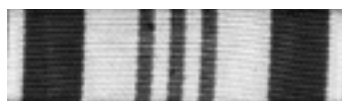
**A. Never allow a child under the age of 16 to operate a jet ski alone. Always wear a U.S.-approved Coast Guard-approved PFD. Practice riding skills in an open, calm area with no swimmers or boat traffic.**



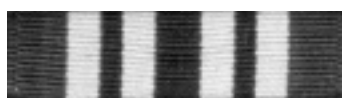
## DECORATIONS



*Aerial Achievement Medal*  
381st IS  
**SSgt. Cheryl Watters**



*Defense Meritorious Service Medal*  
324th IS  
**MSgt. Peter B. Noyes**



*Joint Service Commendation Medal*  
324th IS  
**SSgt. James M. Hodgins**  
**SSgt. Lisa K. Ruhmann**  
**SMSgt. Michael R. Parris**  
**1st Lt. Joseph A. Barry**



*Air Force Commendation Medal*  
381st IS  
**SSgt. Katherine Williams**  
**SSgt. Cheryl Watters**  
**TSgt. Marlin Mcfeeters**

324th IS  
**SSgt. James Brin**  
**SSgt. Michael J. Brown**  
**SSgt. Julie A. Duncan**

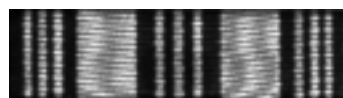
381st IS  
**SSgt. John C. Stoeckl**  
**SSgt. Mark C. Wassberg**  
**SSgt. Stephanie A. Twing**



*Joint Service Achievement Medal*  
381st IS  
**SrA. Eric Salsbury**

324th IS

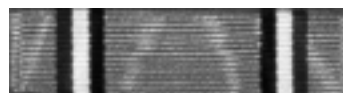
**SrA. Joshua P. Mouton**  
**SrA. Damien M. Walsh**  
**SSgt. Bradley J. Boucher**  
**SSgt. Rickey L. Williams**  
**1st Lt. Jesse R. Long**



*Air Force Achievement Medal*  
381st IS  
**SrA. Erin Silk**  
**SSgt. Brandy Godinez**

381st IS

**SrA. Corey K. Keiley**  
**SrA. Joseph A. Anselmo**  
**SSgt. Matthew D. Wilson**



*Air Force Good Conduct Medal*  
381st IS  
**A1C Aaron Hix**  
**SrA. Michella Bedford**  
**SrA. Loren Chaidez**  
**SrA. Joshua Ferris**  
**SrA. Deborah Golden**  
**SrA. Corey Keiley**  
**SrA. Michael Messinger**  
**SrA. Matthew Owens**  
**SrA. Eric Salsbury**  
**SrA. Linford W. S. Smith, Jr.**  
**SrA. Christopher Thomas**  
**SrA. Krestina Villalobos**

324th IS

**SrA. Lorin M. Croft**  
**SrA. Nancy B. Hammond**  
**SrA.. Stuart L. Lowerison**  
**SrA. Maricely Montgomery**  
**SrA. John C. Ollenburg**

381st IS

**SrA. Jason D. Thompson**

## ANNUAL AWARDS

690th IOG Airman  
**SrA. Michael Halbrook**

690th IOG NCO  
**TSgt. David Schmelz**

690th IOG SNCO  
**MSgt. Geoffy Stewart**

690th IOG CGO  
**Capt. Eric Thorley**

690th IOG Civilian Cat I  
**Denise Salazar**

690th IOG Civ Cat II  
**Meg Lesieur**

690th IOG Civ Cat III  
**Garet Beeler**

HQ AIA Comm Junior Officer  
**1st Lt. Alex Ackerman**  
488th IS

HQ AIA 3C SNCO  
**MSgt. Tim Hodge**  
488th IS

McClland Award for best unit SC in AIA  
**488th IS**

67th IOW Outstanding SF section  
**381st IS/Security Forces**

67th IOW & AIA Comm and Info SNCO  
**MSgt. Michael Walljasper**  
381st IS

67th IOW 3C Comm and Info NCO  
**TSgt. Timothy Harvey**  
381st IS

AIA Financial Manager  
**TSgt. Stephen Curren**  
381st IS

67th IOW, & AIA Comm and Info NCO 3A0

**SSgt. Danielle Wilder**  
381st IS

67th IOW Security Manager  
**SSgt. Chad Griffith**  
381st IS

67th IOW 3C Comm and Info Airman  
**SrA. Jason Ohs**  
381st IS

67 IOW, & AIA C& I Civilian  
**Sheila A. Weiss**  
381st IS

692nd IOG Technician  
**SrA. Corey Keiley**  
381st IS

Elmendorf AFB Airman  
**SrA. Jonathan Ervin**  
381st IS

692nd IOG Spirit of Hope Award  
**SrA. Jonathan Ervin**  
381st IS

68th IOS & 67th IOG Airman  
**SrA. Jennifer Shultz**

68th IOS & 67th IOG NCO  
**SSgt. Sean Otoupalik**

68th IOS & Brooks AFB SNCO  
**MSgt. Linda Miller**

68th IOS Sr. Technician  
**SSgt. Donald Goudy**

68th IOS Jr. Technician  
**SrA. Jennifer Martinez**

68th IOS & 67th IOG Spouse  
**Jeff Jones**

67th IOW Blue Suit  
**SrA. Jennifer Shultz**  
**SSgt. Sean Otoupalik**  
**MSgt. Linda Miller**

303rd IS Airman  
**SrA. Jason Robichaud**

303rd IS NCO  
**SSgt. Misty Deremer**

303rd IS SNCO  
**SMSgt. Michael Stephenson**

303rd IS CGO  
**Capt. Christopher Seymore**

*James A. Bowie Jr. Staff Senior Manager of the Year*  
**Mr. Roy Kasper**  
HQ AIA

*CMSgt. Eddie D. Speight Supply Superintendent of the Year Award*  
**MSgt. Michael Warren**  
48th IS

*Staff Supply NCO*  
**TSgt. Stephen Decker**  
HQ AFTAC

*Senior Supply Technician*  
**SSgt. Jason Ehlers**  
97th IS

*Junior Supply Technician*  
**SrA. Damien Hughes**  
668th LS

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

*390th IS Superior performers*  
**SrA. Kerri Cullen**  
**SrA. Rebecca Newhard**  
**SrA. Jason Turnbo**  
**SSgt. Jennifer James**  
**SSgt. Brence Jenkins**  
**SSgt. Brian Kanatzar**  
**SSgt. Dennis Nichols**  
**SSgt. Andrew Pereida**  
**SSgt. Marcelino Perez**  
**SSgt. Michael Quinlan**  
**SSgt. Timothy Rhodes**  
**SSgt. Mark Thomas**  
**SSgt. Sonya Wyrick**  
**TSgt. Michael Brokas**

**TSgt. Kevin Caber**  
**TSgt. Robert Hebron**  
**TSgt. Jeff Johnson**  
**TSgt. Thomas Johnson**

*390th IS Team Award Security Forces Team*  
**SrA. Christopher Ferguson**  
**TSgt. Christopher Duke**  
**MSgt. Robert Sealey**

*390th IS Team Award Command Language Program Team*  
**SrA. Sharon Ambubuyog**  
**SrA. Jennifer Cline**  
**SSgt. Jill Timberlake**

*390th IS Team Award JSTARS/NAVY Mission Support Team*  
**SrA. Eric Halvorsen**  
**SSgt. Trustin Bey**  
**SSgt. Marcelino Perez**  
**SSgt. Sheldon Williams**  
**TSgt. Carlos Taylor**

### **QUARTERLY AWARDS**

*68th IOS Airman*  
**SrA. Dennis Davis**

*68th IOS NCO*  
**TSgt. Russell Cantu**

*68th IOS SNCO*  
**MSgt. Veronica Berry-Jones**

*68th IOS Jr. Technician*  
**SrA. Jennifer Martinez**

*68th IOS Sr. Technician*  
**SSgt. Donald Goudy**

*453rd Electronic Warfare Squadron Airman*  
**A1C Nicole Anderson**

*453rd Electronic Warfare Squadron NCO*  
**TSgt. David Haught**

*453rd Electronic Warfare Squadron SNCO*  
**MSgt. Aeonard Borel**

*453rd Electronic Warfare Squadron CGO*  
**Capt. Abel Nunez**

*23rd IOS Airman*  
**SrA. David Allen**

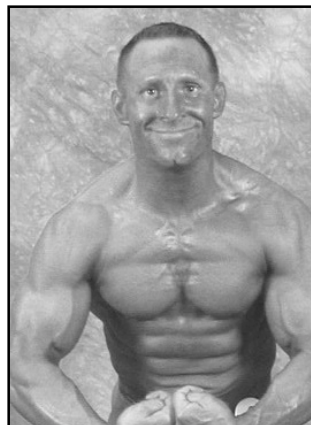
*23rd IOS NCO*  
**SSgt. James Cook**

*23rd IOS CGO*  
**1st Lt. Brandon Eskam**

## Several from AIA named to senior master sergeants' list

Selectees for senior master sergeant from AIA and AIA administratively supported units are: AFIWC- **Daniel Leitheiser**, **Michael Moore**, and **Mary Shaffer**; AFTAC-**Mickey Ruehs**; AIA/DO -**Jeffrey**

**Iannazzo**; AIA/LG - **Lloyd Dvorak Jr.**, **Michael Griffith**, and **Olinda Ongay**; and NAIC- **Juan Adames**, **Randy Boyett**, **Kevin Hanat**, **Jeffrey Kirk** and **Mark Quicksell**.



*MSgt. Randy Fellwock, 381st Intelligence Squadron, recently won the 2001 National Physique Committee, Alaska State Body Building, Fitness and Figure Championships, first place, Men's Masters Division. The competition took place March 10 at West High School, in Anchorage, Alaska. Fellwock now goes on to compete at the Emerald Cup Regional Competition in Seattle, Wash., and then the Oregon State Championships.*





